Delay in Opening of Petrol/Diesel Outlets in Bhopal

†2412. SHRI RAGHAVJI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the applicants selected by the Selection Board, Bhopal in the year 1999 whose petrol/diesel outlets could not be opened till 30.11.99;

(b) the reasons for this unnecessary delay; and

(c) whether Government would issue direction to the petrol/diesel companies to open the selected outlets without any delay; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) to (c) At Bhopal two Dealer Selection Boards (DSBs) viz. Bhopal-I and Bhopal-II have been set up. These DSBs have selected applicants for 15 retail outlet dealerships from January 1999 to 30.11.1999. Of these one dealership has been commissioned. The commissioning of retail outlet dealerships after selection of candidates involves various stages which include conducting Field Investigation, issuance of Letter of Intent, procuring suitable land, obtaining various mandatory approvals from the State/Local authorities etc. by the dealer select/concerned oil company, etc. This is a time consuming process.

Allocation of Additional Naphtha for Godavari Gas Power Project

2413. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether request for immediate allocation of additional 6,000 MT Naphtha for Godavari Gas based Power Project at Kakinada in Andhra Pradesh has been received; and

(b) if so, the measures taken to allocate the additional Naptha for the power project?

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